

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

WAYNE PRAY,

Defendant,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

Docket No. 88-175 (JWB)

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO MODIFY THE TERMS  
OF HIS IMPRISONMENT

NOW COMES, Wayne Pray Petitioner, pro-se in the instant action, praying this Court by way of this petition to modify the terms of petitioner's imprisonment, pursuant to 18 USC § 3582(C)(2). Prayer for modification is based on the following facts:

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(1) On or about October 1, 1989, petitioner was sentenced to a "general sentence of life" on counts 1, 2 and 7 of his Indictment. Petitioner was additionally sentence to three 25 year sentences each to run concurrent to his sentence of life and two consecutive to one another.

(2) Petitioner's guideline custody classification calls for a level 42 with a criminal history category of 3 (See Attached Petitioner's Exhibit 1)

(3) On July 18, 2014, the United States Sentencing Commission voted unanimously to make the "Drug Minus Two" 782 Amendment Retroactive with a single limitation \_\_\_\_\_ no orders reducing a sentence can take effect until November 1, 2015. However, the Court will consider the drug reduction motion beginning November 1, 2014.

(4) 18 U.S.C. § 3582(C)(2) reads in pertinent part as follows:

(C) Modification of an imposed term of imprisonment.

The Court may not modify the terms of imprisonment once it has been imposed except that.....

(2) In the case of a defendant who has been sentence to a term of imprisonment based on a sentencing range that has been subsequently lowered by the Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 USC § 994(o), upon motion of the defendant or the director of the Bureau of Prisons on its own. The court may reduce the terms of imprisonment.

18 U.S.C. § 3582(C)(2).

Defendant asserts that petitioner's sentence was based on a sentencing range that has subsequently been lowered by the United

States Sentencing Commission and made retroactive. Therefore, petitioner is eligible for a modification of his sentence.

Petitioner's assertion is based upon 3582(C)(2) as it currently exist and is undergrid by petitioner's sentencing guideline 42 custody classifiaction level.

The minus two point amendment places petitioner in a guideline range of 360 months to life at best, without consideration for the November 1, 1994 Amendment where the Sentencing Commission capped the drug quantity table at base level 38, which allowed for a sentencing range of 292-365 months.

#### DISCUSSION

The decision by a court to entertain a defendants 3582(C)(2) motion and to subsequently elect to lower a defendant's sentence is in many regards discretionary, though it is a discretion often bridled by several factors courts are encouraged to consider.

Not the less of which is "would a defendants sentence have been different if sentence today? And a defendant's post conviction rehabilitation."

Would A Defendant's Sentence Have Been  
Different, if, Sentenced Today?

On June 26, 2000, the United States Supreme Court decided Apprendi v. New Jersey, \_\_\_\_\_. Though the factual premise for the Court's decision is Apprendi, addressed the Constitutionality of New Jersey's "HATE CRIME" statue, the legal premise undergridding the Supreme Court is holding in Apprendi was

destined to create a sea of change with far reaching ramifications and consequences. In Apprendi, the Supreme Court held:

"The Constitution requires that any fact that increases the penalty for a crime beyond the prescribed statutory maximum, other than a prior conviction, must be submitted to the jury and proved beyond a reasonable doubt."

That Apprendi, and its progenies dramatically changed the legal landscape as it pertains to both the quantity and the identity of the substance charged is clear beyond any need for citation. It is now a bedrock principle of law "The amount and identity of drugs alleged in an narcotic offense must be alleged in the indictment, submitted to the jury, and proven beyond a reasonable doubt."

In the matter at bar as to any count alleging distribution the court instructed the jury as follows:

"In certain counts in the Indictment charging possession with the intent to distribute or actual distribution, it is alleged that certain amount of specific controlled substance were possessed or distributed. The evidence in this case need not establish that the amount or quantity or substance was actually as alleged in the Indictment, but only that a measurable amount of the controlled substance was in fact the subject of the act charged."

In the instant matter this charge to the jury not only infected petitioner's conviction under the 841 substantive offenses but also under the 846 conspiracy offense. In Count 1 the Conspiracy charged two separate objects with vastly different statutory

sentencing ranges. The statutory range would rest as it must on both the substance alleged and the amount charged.

Under 21 USC § 841(b)(1)(C) where there is no actual amount alleged, then the statutory sentence range for the offense is 0-20 years, for cocaine and 0-5 years for marijuana. The choate offense dictates the statutory sentencing range for the inchoate offense.

Petitioner's sentence would clearly have been different now in light of the facts and law as outlined herein.

#### POST CONVICTION REHABILITATION

In Pepper v. United States, the Supreme Court held that post-conviction rehabilitation is highly relevant for sentencing purposes and the parsimony clause (See *Peppers*, 131 Sct. (March 2, 2011)).

In the matter now before this Court petitioner's post conviction rehabilitation is both detailed and well documented. The record will reflect based upon petitioner's Exhibit 2 in a separate proceeding by petitioner for compassionate release that petitioner's efforts in this area both compelling and extraordinary. (See Petitioner Exhibit 2)

As this subject is well covered in petitioner's Exhibit 2, petitioner will forego any discussion here in this regard and will relay on Exhibit 2 itself.

#### SUMMARY

Petitioner has prayed to move this Court for a modification of his sentence pursuant to 3582(C)(2). Petitioner's guideline range factoring in the minus two point reduction, alone places petitioner in at level 40. The additional Amendment Drug Quantity Table of

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of 1994 would reduce petitioner's guideline range to 292-365  
months.

Petitioner prays the Court to modify his sentence and grant any  
other relief it deems to be fair and equitable.

Wayne Pray  
Wayne Pray, Pro-Se

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(A/K/A: Akbar) )

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## PRESENTENCE REPORT

Prepared for:The Honorable John W. Bissell  
United States District JudgePrepared by:Adolf Hemmans  
United States Probation Officer  
(201) 645-6161Sentencing Date:

December 8, 1989

Offense:See Charges and Convictions,  
Counts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7.Release Status:June 21, 1988 remanded into  
custody in lieu of bail.Identifying Data:Date of Birth:  
Social Security Number:  
Address:March 22, 1948  
143-40-7196  
27 Mountain Way  
West Orange, New Jersey 07050Detainers:

None.

Codefendants:See Part A (Offense and  
Verdicts).

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Date report prepared: November 20, 1989  
Revised:



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Count One - Principal Administration in Continuing Criminal Enterprise

77. Base Offense Level: The guideline for a 21 U.S.C. 848(a)(b) offense is found in Section 2D1.5 of the Guidelines. The defendant was engaged in a continuing criminal enterprise, therefore, the base offense level is 36. 36
78. Specific Offense Characteristics: None. 0
79. Adjustment for Role in the Offense: None. 0
80. Victim Related Adjustment: None. 0
81. Adjustment for Obstruction of Justice: None. 0
82. Adjusted Offense Level, Count One (Subtotal): 36

Count Two - Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess Marijuana and Cocaine.

83. Base Offense Level: The guideline for a 21 U.S.C. 846 offense is found in Sections 2D1.4 and 2D1.1 of the Guidelines. The defendant was involved in a conspiracy which had as an object the possession and distribution of more than five kilograms of cocaine and more than 100 kilograms of marijuana. When these drug quantities are individually coupled with the sum of the narcotic drugs mentioned in the substantive counts of conviction, as is called for by Application Note No. 1 of 2D1.4, the drug quantities which are arrived at far exceeds the amount (50 kilos cocaine) which is set for the highest offense level that is possible based solely on drug quantities; the highest offense level is 36. 36
84. Specific Offense Characteristics: Pursuant to Section 2D1.1(b)(1) two units were added to the defendant's offense level because the defendant possessed three firearms during the commission of the offense. On June 21, 1988 the weapons were reportedly seized in West Orange, New Jersey. +2
85. Adjustment for Role in the Offense: Pursuant to Section 3D1.1(a) the defendant's offense level is increased by four units because he was the leader of a criminal activity that involved five or more participants. +4
86. Victim Related Adjustment: None. 0
87. Adjustment for Obstruction of Justice: None. 0



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88. Adjusted Offense Level, Count Two (Subtotal): 42
89. Pursuant to 3D1.3(b) in situations where counts are grouped the offense guideline that produces the highest offense level is applied. Thus, Count two of the Indictment would be used in calculating the final adjusted offense level. 42
90. Adjustment for Acceptance of Responsibility: The Probation Department does not believe that the defendant satisfies the requirement for a downward adjustment of his offense level under Section 3E1.1. The defendant maintains that he is innocent and indicates that he plans to appeal his conviction. 0
91. Total Offense Level 42

## PART B. THE DEFENDANT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY

Juvenile Adjudications

92. None.

Criminal Convictions

<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Charge/Agency</u>	<u>Date Sentence Imposed/Disposition</u>	<u>Guideline/Score</u>
93. 04-05-77 (age 29)	Uttering and Publishing (6 counts). The Recorder's Court. Detroit, Michigan.	11-03-77: Probation 2 years. Fine \$200 and restitution. 02-23-78: Probation warrant.	4A1.1(c) <u>1</u>

94. In the above matter, the defendant was represented by attorney Leroy Daggs. Probation records reflect that the defendant co-signed and deposited to his bank account six checks that were reportedly stolen from the Wayne County Welfare Department. The defendant told investigators at the time that in the course of managing several buildings he was approached by an individual and asked to cash the checks. He further advised that he had been in the habit of cashing public assistance checks for some of his tenants.

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95. The defendant was characterized as manipulative and uncooperative by the Probation Department during the period that his presentence report was being prepared. Approximately four months after he was placed on supervision, the Probation Department obtained a warrant alleging that he had absconded from supervision and failed to make any payments towards the \$1,406 in restitution that had been ordered.
96. During a recent inquiry, we were advised that the warrant is still active.
97. 09-27-82                      Unlawful                      07-15-83:                      4A1.1(c)      1  
       (age 34)                      Possession                      Fined \$1,000.  
                                     Weapon.                      Victim Funds  
                                     Superior Court,                      \$100.  
                                     Essex County,  
                                     New Jersey.
98. In the above matter, the defendant was represented by attorney N. Caprio.
99. During a check of the defendant's driving credentials, arresting officers spotted a .38 caliber revolver protruding from under the driver's seat of the Mercedes that the defendant was operating. Pray advised the county probation officer who prepared his presentence report that on the day of his arrest he had been passing out posters and complimentary tickets for a fight he was promoting. He further informed his interviewer that he had the gun with him for protection because on the day of the incident he had approximately \$4,000 in cash with him. The defendant further reported that he had had strangers hanging around his house and following his son.

#### Criminal History Computation

100. The above criminal convictions result in a subtotal criminal history score of 2. 2
101. Pursuant to 4A1.1(d) two additional units are added to the defendant's criminal history score because the defendant committed the instant offense while still under a sentence that was imposed on November 3, 1977 by the Recorder's Court of Detroit, Michigan. The defendant was placed on probation for a period of two years on the latter date but absconded from supervision on February 23, 1978 causing a warrant to be issued for his arrest. The warrant remains active. +2
102. The total of the criminal history points is 4. According to the Sentencing Table (Chapter 5, Part A), 4 to 6 criminal history points establishes a criminal history category of III. N-A

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Other Criminal Conduct

103. 02-17-71      Disorderly  
    (age 22)      Person.  
                 Elizabeth,  
                 New Jersey  
                 Municipal Court.
- 01-10-74:  
Dismissed  
without  
Prejudice.
104. According to a police report, arresting officers stopped a motor vehicle which was being operated by Marvin Austin and thereafter found Austin to allegedly be in possession of a gun. Pray was also charged after he was allegedly found to be in possession of two envelopes containing pills. At the time of his arrest Pray reportedly had \$1,870 in his possession. Also charged with disorderly person in the incident were Richard Booker, Floyd Ramsey and Robert Harris.
105. 02-22-76      Conspiracy to  
    (age 27)      Possess,  
                 Distribute,  
                 and Import  
                 Heroin.  
                 Southern District  
                 of New York.
- 03-01-76:  
Bench Warrant.  
01-21-77:  
BW executed.  
02-14-77:  
Bail Posted.  
05-05-77:  
Nolle Prosequi.  
Indictment No.  
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Probation

126. Statutory Provisions (Counts one, two, four, five, six and seven): Pursuant to Title 18, U.S.C. 3561(a)(1), a sentence of probation may not be imposed for any of these class A felonies. Title 21, U.S.C. 841 also mandates minimum prison terms for these counts with the exception of Count 7.
127. Guideline Provisions: The defendant is ineligible for probation because the offenses are A felonies and carry mandatory minimum jail terms (5B1.1).

PART D. OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS

Family Ties, Family Responsibilities, and Community Ties

128. The 41 year old defendant was born in Newark, New Jersey and is the oldest of two children from the relationship of Henrietta Pray and James Davis. [The defendant indicates that he knows very little about his father whom he states has now passed away. He revealed, for instance, that up until approximately 30 years of age he had always been made to believe that his father was really one James Philip Henry.] The defendant had also had very little contact with this individual whom he states is now also deceased. The defendant and his sibling were reared by their mother and her family in Newark. The mother was steadily employed during the defendant's growing years. She worked first for many years with Remco Toy Company in Harrison, New Jersey. Later she was employed by the Picatinny Arsenal in Morris County. More recently she worked as a custodian at the Newark High School of the Sciences. Pray reports that his 60 year old mother suffered a heart attack during his trial; after a period of hospitalization, the defendant reports that his mother went to live with relatives at an address which was unknown to the defendant. The defendant advised that his mother had a history of heart disease.
129. The defendant's one sibling, James, died at age 36 in 1986 while being held in custody, locally, on a pending criminal matter. The defendant advised that the brother who had a long history of drug abuse and a documented case of treatment for bone cancer, lapsed into a coma from which he did not recover. Court records reflect that James Pray had an extensive criminal record dating back to his juvenile years.
130. Marital History. On September 23, 1975, the defendant was married to Juanita nee Johnson, now age 42, in Detroit, Michigan. The couple have one son Majied, age 20. Mrs. Pray has two other children; Gerard age 25 and Sharonda age 23 from a previous relationship. The defendant relates that the last two children believe that he is their



**INMATE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PLAN****PROGRESS REPORT: 03-15-2011**

Name: PRAY, WAYNE


RegNo: 27436-004

**CHARACTER****Progress and Goals**

On October 20, 2010, J.M. Killian, Warden of the Federal Correctional Institution Otisville, New York, submitted a letter of commendation for inmate Pray for significant contributions to programs and operations at our facility. A summary of that letter follows: "You have demonstrated real tenacity and commitment as I have asked you and your program to overcome many challenges. You have been asked to work under specific direction of our staff while reaching out to the inmates to encourage participation in programs, participation not always welcomed by inmates. From your contribution, we have noticed positive impacts on our overall program participation, continuing commitment to education and reentry, and a decrease in the overall number of incidents across our institution" "You have demonstrated outstanding responsibility, support and diligence in keeping a positive relationship with both myself and the executive staff. As members of the Inmate Advisory Board, I know your role was difficult. Striking a balance is always challenging, however in a penal environment that change is even more daunting. Your willingness to work through issues, problems and changes in missions is greatly appreciated. Each of you has impacted me in a extremely positive way and I wish the very best in all your endeavors and pursuits. You have modeled exceptional behavior which includes leadership, vision and a tremendous commitment to self-improvement. Please stay safe, be well and continue in the positive directions that you have always headed." "My sincere and personal thanks for your contributions to the inmate population at Otisville and the professional proactive approach in handling any issue at hand."

The Unit Manger submitted a positive memorandum January 29th, 2011 regarding inmate Pray. The body of the memo is cut and pasted below (without formatting): The purpose of this memo is to communicate some positive accomplishments by the above named inmate since his arrival to this facility April 23, 2008. I am the staff coordinator of inmate programs at this facility. I first met inmate Pray in April of 2008. Associate Warden Lara was a Captain at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Canaan prior to his assignment at our facility. He informed me that inmate Pray was at USP Canaan while he was there and because of his ability to effectively communicate with staff and inmate along with his street credential's, was influential in quelling a couple of tense situations between inmate gangs and felt he may be a positive influence with the younger inmates in our facility. Inmate Pray immediately got involved in the inmate groups Community Economic Development (CED) and Young Men Incorporated (YMI). He brought a fresh perspective to the groups and volunteered numerous hours of his time to changing course outlines and teaching a variety of classes. He also attended a training class for inmate instructors offered by CED with several institution staff serving as instructors and mentors. Inmate Pray sought out a staff sponsor and created a group called Putting It All Together (PIAT). He sought out talented instructors and pulled together several modules from public speaking to resume writing. While some of these classes already exist PIAT funnels their students systematically through specific classes in a specific order to ensure a specific message. Warden Killian recognized the many positive things that inmate Pray was involved with and tasked him with coordinating and presenting an entertainment program for the inmate population. Pray pulled together a variety of talent screened them for content and oversaw numerous rehearsals. The show was very well received by the inmate population and staff made many favorable comments. Based on this success, the Warden had inmate Pray coordinate and present additional shows that were also a success. These events were no easy task and required that inmate Pray work with inmates from all walks of life in a world where appearances are almost everything, he pulled together a diverse and talented group of inmates for each show. For Black History Month 2011, the staff Black Affairs Coordinator sought inmates to put together a program for the inmate population. No one volunteered, so inmate Pray sprang into action. He met with the staff coordinator and has put together a program. Once inmate Pray came forward, several inmates then wanted to participate in any way possible. The inmate consensus is that if inmate Pray is involved they want to be involved because it will be a diverse and quality program. The program was well received by staff and inmates. I selected inmate Pray to be among the first to move into a new housing unit our institution activated in late summer of 2010. Inmates selected to be housed in this unit were moved from other units. Many of them did not want to move and saw the move as a negative experience. In large part, inmate Pray's experience and ability to communicate with inmates from all backgrounds and his street credential's resulted in the unit activating in a smooth trouble free manner. Now inmates are requesting to move to the new unit and note the positive vibe as one of the many reasons to move to the unit.

**LEISURE**

Status	Response Summary
	<b>USE OF LEISURE TIME</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ activities indicative of positive use of leisure time;</li> <li>⊕ participation in a faith group</li> <li>⊕ sports/exercise</li> <li>⊕ movies/television/music</li> <li>⊕ reading</li> <li>⊕ cultural events/concerts/theater</li> <li>⊕ library</li> <li>⊕ education organizations</li> </ul>

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Please Note, that I, Wayne Pray, the petitioner in the matter did cause to be served to the Respondent a true copy of the motion herein, by United States Postal Service First Class to:  
Assistant United States Attorney  
970 Broad Street, Suite 700  
Neward, New Jersey 07102-2535

Dated: April 2, 2015

Respectfully,

Wayne Pray, Pro-se



EXHIBIT 2

### POST CONVICTION REHABILITATION AND BEYOND

Though an avid reader for most of my life, I had nonetheless failed to finish high school, dropping out in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Upon my arrival at USP Lewisberg in late 1989 or early 1990, I enrolled in the Pre-GED class in an effort to obtain a high school equivalency certificate. After receiving my certificate I signed up for and was admitted into a college curriculum conducted under the Pell Grant Program. I was within 12 or 13 credits of receiving my Associates Degree before the Pell Grant Program was discontinued.

In near lockstep with my courses and working in conjunction with my counselor Mr. Jake Metzler, I organized and chaired a series of workshops/seminars concentrating on the issue of prisoner apathy. This open discussion quickly gained curiosity throughout the institution and was adopted by most, if not all, of the units housed in the institution.

During this time I would complete several classes separate from college and received a certificate for same. I would also become president of the NAACP's Lewisberg Chapter Education Committee. In my role as president, I would recruit and enroll a large percentage of the prison's young offenders placing an emphasis on education and what I hoped would become a turning point in their lives.

Lewisberg was and remains a maximum custody facility and in June 1994, after nearly five years at Lewisberg, my Unit Team, in recognition of my overall conduct at the institution, moved my custody classification from maximum custody to in-custody. I was then transferred to USP Allenwood. I would remain at Allenwood for approximately 18 months before being transferred to USP Atlanta to enroll in a 500 hour or one year Drug Awareness Program (DAP).

While housed at USP Atlanta I would complete the required drug program as well as its component the Wellness Program. I would enroll in and complete an assortment of other classes and workshops as outlined and attached hereto. Absent an Incident Report for excessive property (I am a bibliophilic), my time at USP Atlanta and overall conduct there would be near exemplary. The assessment of my behavior would be noted by my Unit Team and, as a result, I would be transferred to a lesser secured facility in Edgefield, South Carolina.

FCI Edgefield was a new facility and had been on line for only a few months when I was transferred; hence, the programs were sparse. My time at Edgefield was spent mentoring independently and reading and studying various disciplines. After approximately three years at Edgefield, I was transferred to FCI Petersburg in Petersburg, Virginia, a facility closer to my family or a little over seven hours by car.

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### OTISVILLE, MAY 2008

In the Spring of 2008, I arrived at FCI Otisville. This facility differed in a sense from many of the former FCI's I had been in, having been online for well over twenty years. However, the most profound difference is that Otisville is program-intense. Not long after my arrival I was approached by members of one of the largest, if not the largest, inmate organization at Otisville, Community Economic Development (C.E.D.) and asked to become a member. Less than six months after joining C.E.D. I was appointed its chairman.

### C.E.D.

C.E.D. is an inmate run, staff sponsored organization whose primary goal, through a series of workshops, seminars, classes and open-ended discussions, is to change the life course of some of the at-risk young offenders. One of the organization's core components, Young Men Incorporated (YMI), has developed a 16 week course dealing with cognitive thinking, criminal lifestyles, errant behavior and its consequences.

Under its banner, C.E.D. has instituted the following classes: Accounting 101 and 102, Managing a Non-Profit Organization, Creative Writing and Retail Business Management. Additionally, under my chairmanship, C.E.D. instituted a tracking and placement system for the young men that participated in the various programs. A general overview of some of the programs is attached.

Simultaneously with my chairing C.E.D., I was appointed by Associate Warden Lara to take a seat on the institution's Inmate Action Committee. This committee is an inmate run, but administration approved, one that serves as both a filter and a buffer between the administration and its goals and the inmates and their occasional grievances.

My overall efforts and accomplishments in this area are best reflected by the Letter of Commendation received from Warden Killian attached hereto. My role in this endeavor, as highlighted by the Killian letter, ran full throttle from my arrival at FCI Otisville until Warden Killian left or for approximately 18 months. During this period and in keeping with my role as an Institutional Mentor, I was selected to enroll in and completed a 72 hour Conflict Resolution Workshop and Seminar. (See attached)

In recognition of what the administration noted as my can-do attitude and work ethic, the Warden requested that I organize and orchestrate a series of talent shows and musical extravaganzas for the inmate population. Each of these events proved to be a glowing success. Correspondence in this regard is noted in the attached papers.

After approximately a year and a half as chairman of C.E.D., I resigned my position to spearhead, from the ground up, an organization with the acronym P.I.A.T. or "Putting It All Together." As P.I.A.T.'s Mission Statement reflects, the purpose is to teach inmates effective communication skills, public speaking, job interview preparation and the strengthening of their vocabularies. These courses ran for 16 weeks and resumed on May 2, 2011.

I am actively involved with the Social Justice Academy at Central High School (CHS SJA) in Newark, New Jersey in a Social Studies class entitled "Facing History and Ourselves." The Academy will take a three-pronged approach to empowering young people. They will learn critical thinking skills, gain an awareness and understanding of the judicial and penal system that is affecting their lives and examine the counterculture that has evolved into an endless engagement in violence which stems from the conditions of permanent poverty and despair. At the entry level (freshman year), students will learn about the laws that affect them such as laws related to gangs, narcotics; the difference between parole and probation; the limits of life as a convicted felon. The second stage will address the effects of the Judicial and Penal system on families, particularly children of inmates: what happens to a child when there is an arrest; what are the economic ramifications of incarceration for the family when the main bread winner is gone and

when he/she comes back with limited job opportunities; what, if any, are the educational opportunities to prepare inmates for reintroduction to society. Presently the class is using my books and audio messages to offer insight into the realities of crime and its consequences and, hopefully, providing a cautionary tale that illustrates the pitfalls of extra-legal activities. As an alumnus of Central, I am honored to participate and hope that through my writings, recordings and correspondence with the class, they will come to the realization that through education, activism and surrounding themselves with positive role models they can overcome the evils that plague their communities. The scope and purpose of the Academy, correspondence from the teacher to my Unit Manager and letters received from students appear in the Appendices.

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**INMATE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PLAN****Current Progress Report: 03-15-2011**

Name: PRAY, WAYNE

RegNo: 27436-004

**ACADEMIC**

Status	Response Summary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>INTELLECTUAL FUNCTIONING</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no intellectual deficits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has NOT attended special education classes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>LITERACY</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GED obtained <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> obtained through BOP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>LANGUAGE</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fluent in English as primary language
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>COMPUTER SKILLS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> lacks keyboarding skills <input type="checkbox"/> lacks word processing skills <input type="checkbox"/> lacks internet navigation skills
<b>Progress and Goals</b> <p>Obtained GED while in Bureau of Prisons in 1991. While this is a requirement Mr. Pray's record reflects that he started taking classes and participating in programs prior to that date and continued to do so. While at Otisville, Mr. Pray has taken on the responsibilities of serving as facilitator of a inmate group Putting It All Together (PIAT) and works closely with a staff sponsor in providing a variety of classes, programs and presentations all with the goal of enhancing and improving the students abilities to navigate life in prison and to prepare for their return to the community. Many of the classes and programs are reflected on the SENTRY Inmate Education Data Transcript and he has numerous certificates of completion in his central file for many others that are not part of the Inmate Education Data Transcript.</p>	

**VOCATIONAL/CAREER**

Status	Response Summary
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>EMPLOYMENT HISTORY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> unemployed at time of arrest <input type="checkbox"/> no consistent history of employment 5 years prior to incarceration <input type="checkbox"/> other: Owned business
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CAREER DEVELOPMENT</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> possesses significant expertise in field <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales and Related - 41 <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> realistic career/job goals upon release <input type="checkbox"/> seeking position: Retired <input type="checkbox"/> has no consistent work experience in this field <input type="checkbox"/> does not have an education degree related to this field
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>INSTITUTION WORK HISTORY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> has no consistent institution work history Eval: 02-28-2011 Satisfactory Eval: 01-31-2011 Satisfactory Eval: 12-31-2010 Satisfactory Eval: 11-30-2010 Satisfactory Eval: 10-31-2010 Satisfactory Eval: 09-30-2010 Satisfactory



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**VOCATIONAL/CAREER**

	① other: Assigned to Work Pool Evenings.
<b>!</b>	<b>POST INCARCERATION EMPLOYMENT</b> ⊖ post-incarceration employment not secured ① other: Will be retired. _____ ⊖ no release documents obtained to date
<b>Progress and Goals</b>	
Mr. Pray's record reflects that he had a couple of viable businesses prior to incarceration. He has taken numerous classes that should enhance his ability in this area. His organizational skills have proved useful as reflected in a letter of commendation from Warden Killian, and his Unit manager as well as input from the Associate Warden through the Unit Manager (see "Character" section below)	

**INTERPERSONAL**





Status	Response Summary
<b>!</b>	<b>RELATIONSHIPS</b> ⊖ residence in a high crime neighborhood during childhood _____ ⊕ no negative peer influences prior to incarceration
<b>!</b>	<b>FAMILY TIES/SUPPORT SYSTEM</b> ⊖ insufficient expected support to warrant positive Family Ties and Support System Spouse: Emotional Companion: Emotional
<b>/</b>	<b>PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY</b> ① no children under the age of 21 _____ ① no children under the age of 21 financially responsible for _____ ① RRC (MINT) Placement is not applicable
<b>✓</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION</b> ⊕ displays good communication skills
<b>Progress and Goals</b>	
Communication is an area where Mr. Pray is strong. His ability in this area was noted in the Pre-Sentence Report. The Associate Warden noted his willingness at his last institution, the United States Penitentiary Canaan, and without hesitation to assist in quelling a couple of tense situations between gangs.  Letters from Warden Killian and his Unit Manager document several instances in which Mr. Pray proved to be strong in this area of "Interpersonal" (see "Character section below)	

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**WELLNESS**




Status	Response Summary
	<b>HEALTH PROMO/DISEASE PREVENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ within acceptable weight range</li> <li>① height 5 ft. 9 in.</li> <li>① weight (lbs) 152</li> <li>① BMI Score 22.4</li> <li>① date calculated 03-07-2011</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ maintains physical fitness thru regular exercise;</li> <li>① aerobic exercise</li> <li>① anaerobic or isometric exercise</li> <li>① organized sports</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊖ evidence of behaviors associated with increased risk of infectious disease</li> <li>① unprotected promiscuous sexual activity</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ does not use tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, and/or smokeless tobacco)</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ had a primary care provider or clinic (prior to incarceration)</li> <li>⊕ has health insurance coverage upon release</li> </ul>
	<b>DISEASE/ILLNESS MANAGEMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ complies with treatment recommendations and/or takes medications as prescribed, or none required</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ healthy - No current health concerns</li> <li>⊕ no dental problems</li> <li>⊕ no non-routine services/assistance devices needed</li> </ul>
	<b>TRANSITIONAL PLAN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ does not require medication upon release from custody</li> <li>⊕ does not require on-going treatment or follow-up after release from custody</li> <li>① TB Clearance Complete - See Exit Summary</li> <li>① RRC placement is not applicable</li> </ul>
	<b>GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① has not previously received Social Security assistance</li> <li>① eligible for Social Security assistance after release</li> <li>⊖ application not submitted to SSA</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① has not served in the U.S. Armed Forces, U.S. Military Reserves, AND/OR U.S. National Guard</li> <li>① spouse or a parent has not served in the U.S. Armed Forces, U.S. Military Reserves, AND/OR U.S. National Guard</li> </ul>
<b>Progress and Goals</b>	
<p>Mr. Pray is very conscientious when it comes to his health, both mentally, physically and religiously. He is an avid reader and enthusiastic chess player. He exercises daily. During "crunch" competitions, Mr. Pray easily wins against men in their twenties. He regularly attends religious services and assists as needed.</p>	

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**MENTAL HEALTH**

Status	Response Summary
	<b>SUBSTANCE ABUSE MANAGEMENT</b> <input type="radio"/> no evidence of inappropriate use of alcohol, prescription medications and/or illegal drugs in the year prior to arrest <input type="radio"/> no history of substance abuse treatment <input type="radio"/> not currently participating in substance abuse treatment
	<b>MENTAL ILLNESS MANAGEMENT</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> no history of mental health diagnosis prior to incarceration <input checked="" type="radio"/> no mental health diagnosis during incarceration <input checked="" type="radio"/> no history of serious suicidal ideation or attempts
	<b>TRANSITIONAL PLAN</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> no medication required upon release from custody <input checked="" type="radio"/> does not require on-going treatment after release from custody <input checked="" type="radio"/> psychology services recommends RRC placement
<b>Progress and Goals</b> <p>While Mr. Pray did receive an incident report almost twenty years ago for Engaging in a Sexual Act (conduct in the Visiting Room), his last incident report was just over twelve years ago (1998 for having excess property in his cell). He clearly is not a management problem and information in the "Character" section of this report reflects on the many positive things Mr. Pray has been doing that is not required nor is he compensated for. The record reflects that he completed a drug education class in June of 1994.</p>	

**COGNITIVE**

Status	Response Summary
	<b>GENERAL BEHAVIOR</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> no evidence of behavioral problems as a juvenile <input type="radio"/> evidence of behavioral problems as an adult <input type="radio"/> 200 series incident reports <input type="radio"/> 300 series incident reports <input type="radio"/> 400 series incident reports
	<b>CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> no onset of criminal behavior before the age of 14 <input checked="" type="radio"/> no criminal versatility: Convictions in less than 3 categories <input checked="" type="radio"/> no significant history of violence: Less than 2 violent convictions
<b>Progress and Goals</b> <p>Incident report history reflects on report in 1991 for Engaging In Sexual Acts / Violating visiting Regulations, one report in 1996 for Failing to Follow Safety Regulations and two reports in 1998 for Being Absent From Assignment and Failing to Follow Safety Regulations. He has not received any infractions since 1998. Not only has Mr. Pray maintained clear conduct for over twelve years, his positive efforts noted in the "Character" section of this report also reflect favorably in the "Cognitive" behavior skill set.</p>	





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**CHARACTER**

Status	Response Summary
	<b>PERSONAL CHARACTER</b> ⊖ insufficient variety of behaviors to warrant overall positive personal character ⊕ evidence of spirituality talks to a friend or mentor about spiritual/religious issues: Sometimes active participation in a faith group: Always connected to outside spiritual/religious community: Sometimes examines actions to see if they reflect values: Always finds meaning in times of hardship: Always ① religious assignment: MUSLIM ⊕ no evidence easily influenced by other
	<b>PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY</b> ① reports responsibility for current incarceration as: ⊕ self (sole responsibility) ⊕ made efforts to make amends for their crime(s) ⊕ provide support to organization(s) that assist victims of crime, particularly their type crime(s) ⊕ other: Actively involved in multiple inmate groups and classes that promote changing the criminal mindset.

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**CHARACTER****Progress and Goals**

On October 20, 2010, J.M. Killian, Warden of the Federal Correctional Institution Otisville, New York, submitted a letter of commendation for inmate Pray for significant contributions to programs and operations at our facility. A summary of that letter follows: "You have demonstrated real tenacity and commitment as I have asked you and your program to overcome many challenges. You have been asked to work under specific direction of our staff while reaching out to the inmates to encourage participation in programs, participation not always welcomed by inmates. From your contribution, we have noticed positive impacts on our overall program participation, continuing commitment to education and reentry, and a decrease in the overall number of incidents across our institution" "You have demonstrated outstanding responsibility, support and diligence in keeping a positive relationship with both myself and the executive staff. As members of the Inmate Advisory Board, I know your role was difficult. Striking a balance is always challenging, however in a penal environment that change is even more daunting. Your willingness to work through issues, problems and changes in missions is greatly appreciated. Each of you has impacted me in a extremely positive way and I wish the very best in all your endeavors and pursuits. You have modeled exceptional behavior which includes leadership, vision and a tremendous commitment to self-improvement. Please stay safe, be well and continue in the positive directions that you have always headed." "My sincere and personal thanks for your contributions to the inmate population at Otisville and the professional proactive approach in handling any issue at hand."

The Unit Manger submitted a positive memorandum January 29th, 2011 regarding inmate Pray. The body of the memo is cut and pasted below (without formatting): The purpose of this memo is to communicate some positive accomplishments by the above named inmate since his arrival to this facility April 23, 2008. I am the staff coordinator of inmate programs at this facility. I first met inmate Pray in April of 2008. Associate Warden Lara was a Captain at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Canaan prior to his assignment at our facility. He informed me that inmate Pray was at USP Canaan while he was there and because of his ability to effectively communicate with staff and inmate along with his street credential's, was influential in quelling a couple of tense situations between inmate gangs and felt he may be a positive influence with the younger inmates in our facility. Inmate Pray immediately got involved in the inmate groups Community Economic Development (CED) and Young Men Incorporated (YMI). He brought a fresh perspective to the groups and volunteered numerous hours of his time to changing course outlines and teaching a variety of classes. He also attended a training class for inmate instructors offered by CED with several institution staff serving as instructors and mentors. Inmate Pray sought out a staff sponsor and created a group called Putting It All Together (PIAT). He sought out talented instructors and pulled together several modules from public speaking to resume writing. While some of these classes already exist PIAT funnels their students systematically through specific classes in a specific order to ensure a specific message. Warden Killian recognized the many positive things that inmate Pray was involved with and tasked him with coordinating and presenting an entertainment program for the inmate population. Pray pulled together a variety of talent screened them for content and oversaw numerous rehearsals. The show was very well received by the inmate population and staff made many favorable comments. Based on this success, the Warden had inmate Pray coordinate and present additional shows that were also a success. These events were no easy task and required that inmate Pray work with inmates from all walks of life in a world where appearances are almost everything, he pulled together a diverse and talented group of inmates for each show. For Black History Month 2011, the staff Black Affairs Coordinator sought inmates to put together a program for the inmate population. No one volunteered, so inmate Pray sprang into action. He met with the staff coordinator and has put together a program. Once inmate Pray came forward, several inmates then wanted to participate in any way possible. The inmate consensus is that if inmate Pray is involved they want to be involved because it will be a diverse and quality program. The program was well received by staff and inmates. I selected inmate Pray to be among the first to move into a new housing unit our institution activated in late summer of 2010. Inmates selected to be housed in this unit were moved from other units. Many of them did not want to move and saw the move as a negative experience. In large part, inmate Pray's experience and ability to communicate with inmates from all backgrounds and his street credential's resulted in the unit activating in a smooth trouble free manner. Now inmates are requesting to move to the new unit and note the positive vibe as one of the many reasons to move to the unit.

**LEISURE**

Status	Response Summary
	<b>USE OF LEISURE TIME</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ activities indicative of positive use of leisure time;</li> <li>⊕ participation in a faith group</li> <li>⊕ sports/exercise</li> <li>⊕ movies/television/music</li> <li>⊕ reading</li> <li>⊕ cultural events/concerts/theater</li> <li>⊕ library</li> <li>⊕ education organizations</li> </ul>

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**LEISURE****Progress and Goals**

Mr. Pray makes positive use of leisure time activities. He participates in a faith group. He exercises daily. He is an avid reader of a wide variety of themed books. At the request of the Warden he created and directed two talent shows for the institution. He volunteered created and directed the 2011 Black History Month celebration. Along with a staff sponsor he created and maintains an inmate organization called Putting It All Together (PIAT).

**DAILY LIVING**

Status	Response Summary
	<b>FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ knowledge in maintaining checking account</li> <li>⊕ knowledge in maintaining savings account</li> <li>⊕ knowledge in utilizing an ATM debit card</li> <li>⊕ knowledge in obtaining loans</li> <li>⊕ has an established positive credit history</li> <li>⊖ did not live within financial means</li> <li>⊕ pays monthly bills on time</li> </ul>
	<b>FOOD MANAGEMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ possesses grocery shopping/consumer skills</li> <li>⊕ makes good nutritional choices to maintain health</li> <li>⊕ possesses basic food preparation skills</li> <li>⊕ knowledgeable in accessing community resources to obtain food</li> </ul>
	<b>PERSONAL HYGIENE/SANITATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ good personal hygiene and sanitation</li> <li>① quarters assignment: HOUSE D/RANGE 04/BED 401L</li> </ul>
	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊖ does not have valid driver's license</li> <li>⊕ No outstanding motor vehicle violations</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊖ does not own personal vehicle with appropriate insurance</li> <li>⊕ possesses public transportation skills and has access to public transportation</li> </ul>
	<b>IDENTIFICATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊖ does not have photo identification</li> <li>⊖ does not have birth certificate</li> <li>⊖ does not have social security card</li> </ul>
	<b>HOUSING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ established housing year prior to incarceration</li> <li>① established housing: owned or mortgage</li> <li>① established housing: lived with family</li> <li>① established housing: non-publicly assisted</li> <li>⊕ established housing not in a high crime neighborhood</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ housing upon release</li> <li>① supervision district is not a relocation</li> <li>① not applicable - anticipated housing plan approved by USPO(s)</li> <li>① no concerns with anticipated housing plan</li> </ul>



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**DAILY LIVING**



	<b>RESIDENTIAL REENTRY CENTER (RRC) PLACEMENT</b>
	<b>FAMILY CARE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>⊕ not responsible for obtaining child care for any dependent children upon release</li><li>⊕ not responsible for obtaining elder care for any dependent(s) upon release</li><li>⊕ not responsible for obtaining any other special services for dependents upon release</li></ul>
<b>Progress and Goals</b>	
<p>Mr. Pray has no problems in this area. He is knowledgeable in all areas under Daily Living: Financial Management, Food Management, Personal Hygiene/Sanitation, Transportation, Identification, Housing, Residential Reentry Center (RRC) Placement and Family Care. He completed payment of his required court ordered assessment fee for the instant offense in June of 1996.</p>	

EXHIBIT 2 A

## **LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

1. Honorable Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson, retired Mayor of Newark, NJ
2. Ras Baraka, Principal of Central High School, Councilman S. Ward, Newark, NJ
3. Anna White, Program Coordinator, ASPIRA, Juvenile Justice Program
4. Milagros Milan Harris, Lead Teacher, Central High School, Social Justice Academy
5. L. Glendon Szymanski, Recreation specialist, FCI Otisville
6. J. M. Killian, Warden, FCI Otisville
7. Hafiz Farid, NoCane Inc.
8. Greg Joyner, Founder and CEO, Project Drive, Inc.
9. Councilman D. Bilal Beasley, Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Council Member At-Large,  
Township of Irvington, NJ
10. Cynthia Mosley, Executive director, Parent Advocacy and Service Academy
11. Terrence Williams, School Administrator
12. Wayne, Conley, Screenwriter

September 4, 2012

To whom it may concern:

My name is Kenneth Gibson. From 1970 until 1986 I was the mayor of the city of Newark, New Jersey. I am writing this letter on behalf of Mr. Wayne Pray. Although I retired from active politics years ago, I have continued to take an interest in the people of my city. About ten years ago, I learned of Mr. Pray's involvement as a positive influence in academic and educational circles. I was well aware that he had been incarcerated at that time for nearly fifteen years. I also learned that Mr. Pray had been taking an active role in trying to deter many of the young inner city kids who were on a path that would certainly lead them to where he was.

Initially, members of the city's law enforcement community had begun to take a CD entitled "Akbar Pray Speaks to Urban America" to the city's Youth House, playing it to otherwise disruptive kids, who would listen in quiet attention. It was further revealed that Mr. Pray had become a writer for an urban magazine, where his articles were developing a broad following. Both young and old were following his column, entitled "A View From the Inside." With articles such as "An Open Letter to the Crips and the Bloods," "Elevating Form Over Substance," and "You and the Law," Mr. Pray was able to show, as few others could, the sheer foolishness of pursuing a lifestyle that ultimately could only lead to two places: a jail cell or a grave.

Recently, I have become apprised of Mr. Pray's involvement with a few of our local high schools, including my own Alma Mater and his, Central High School. In collaboration with teachers and administrators, adding to the use of his CD and writings, Mr. Pray has developed an impressive roster of speakers and supporters who have shared their time and knowledge to mentor and guide students at risk of losing their way to the lure of the streets. What he is doing is commendable and to be applauded. His potential to have a positive impact in our city is clear. It is for these reasons that I ask that Mr. Pray's life sentence be commuted.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson

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Mr. Ronald A. Rogers  
Office of the Pardon Attorney  
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Washington D.C. 20530  
May 26, 2012

Re: Wayne Pray  
Register Number: 27436-004  
FCI Otisville  
Federal Correctional Institution  
P.O. Box 1000  
Otisville, NY 10963

Dear Mr. Rogers,

My name is Ras Baraka and I am the principal of Central High School in Newark, New Jersey. I am also honored to serve as the Councilman of Newark's South Ward. It is with great pleasure that I write this letter on behalf of one of our students most ardent supporters, Wayne Akbar Pray.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, several teachers in our school's Social Justice Academy requested permission to use articles and a CD that were made by Wayne Akbar Pray. While I was initially reluctant about the idea, one cannot argue with results. Mr. Pray's message immediately elicited discussions, writing, and overall increased the level of student engagement among our most at risk populations.

This scholastic year, our students have been the beneficiaries of a lecture series developed by the Social Justice Academy, in conjunction with supporters of Mr. Pray. The list of speakers includes a Superior Court Judge, the Dean of a local university, as well as many others who have come to bring a positive message of self-actualization to our children. As a member of the community who understands urban culture, Mr. Pray's approach to the students has been non-judgmental and supportive, as he encourages the students to become critical thinkers, responsible and accountable to their families, and community. Most importantly he is informing them on how to avoid being in the circumstance that he finds himself in.

Thank you for your attention.  
Sincerely,



Mr. Ronald A. Rogers  
Office of the Pardon Attorney  
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Washington, D.C. 20530

May 17, 2012

Re: Wayne Pray  
Register #: 27436-004  
FCI Otisville  
Federal Correctional Institution  
P.O. Box 1000  
Otisville, NY 10963

Dear Mr. Rogers:

My name is Anna White and I am a Program Coordinator for a Juvenile Justice program located in Newark, NJ. It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter on behalf of Mr. Wayne Pray Reg. #: 27436-004.

Mr. Pray has assisted me tremendously with guest speakers, articles of true revelations and cds that speak upon the youth's involvement in the community; how our at risk youth population needs to engage more in a positive outlook on life and fulfilling their dreams of being successful individuals and not become a statistic in the prison system.

Mr. Pray is dedicated to communicating with the community concerning our on-going issues arising amongst our most valuable asset-OUR YOUTH.

While incarcerated for 24yrs; Mr. Pray has devoted much of his time and effort to educational programs and community-sensitive projects. Mr. Pray has used his time constructively & effectively. He has become a strong advocate of helping our youth become more responsible and accountable for their role in which they play in the community.

With this being said; I highly support Mr. Wayne Pray in successfully reentering into society so he can continue on his journey of being a productive citizen.

Sincerely,

Anna White

Milagros Milan Harris

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Mr. Ronald A. Rogers  
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June 28, 2011

Re:  
Wayne Pray  
Register Number : 27436-004  
FCI Otisville  
Federal Correctional Institution  
P. O. Box 1000  
Otisville, NY 10963

Dear Mr. Rogers,

My name is Milagros Milan Harris and I am a Social Studies teacher at Central High School in Newark, New Jersey... Wayne Pray's alma mater. I teach a class in our Social Justice Academy entitled Facing History and Ourselves. As the title implies, this class takes a critical approach to self-awareness and self-actualization by examining the issues and concerns of the students through the prism of history and social justice. There is also a component of the course that promotes agency, increases self-efficacy and community activism through the application of YPAR, the acronym for youth participatory action research. The YPAR process encourages students to delve into issues that affect their communities and take leadership roles in effecting positive change through research, development and implementation of action plans.

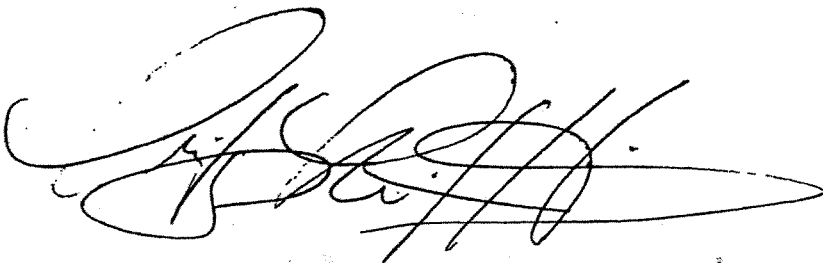
Newark, New Jersey is plagued by gang violence, unemployment and low expectations. The goal of shrinking the achievement gap is daunting for teachers. Those of us who work here do it because we realize that as these children go, so goes the future of the city and ultimately, the nation. Buzz words like quantification and standardized testing put our students further at risk for failure, while there is little said about the socio-economic conditions that lead to their disengagement from academics, as each day is a struggle for survival.

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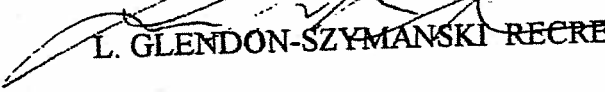
Federal Bureau of Prisons

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*Federal Correctional Institution  
Otisville, New York 10963*

December 30, 2010

MEMORANDUM;

FROM:  L. GLENDON-SZYMANSKI RECREATION SPECIALIST

TO: UNIT MANAGER: M. REPECKI

SUBJECT: I/M PRAY 27436-004

I/M Pray 27436-004 Worked under my direct supervision for a period of nearly one year. Working initially as my clerk I came to rely on I/M Prays for various jobs. He showed great initiative and dedication with all projects assigned to him. He was always well organized and self motivated. I/M Pray was instrumental in helping developing new programs for the population. However the high point for me came when Warden Kilian selected I/M Pray to organize and coordinate a first of its kind talent show. Working under my supervision I saw how talented and resourceful I/M Pray was. The Otisville's got talent show became a rousing success. The success of that project is owed in no small part to Pray's resourcefulness and organizational abilities.

In closing, I/M Pray has always showed the greatest degree of respect and civility to me and all other staff. He is widely respected by the Otisville staff and Inmates alike.





## Federal Bureau of Prisons

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*Office of the Warden**Federal Correctional Institution  
Otisville, New York 10963*

October 20, 2010

Wayne Pray  
Register Number 27436-004

It is my pleasure to present to you this Letter of Commendation. You have been identified by staff at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), Otisville, New York, as making significant contributions to programs and operations in the FCI Otisville community.

You have demonstrated real tenacity and commitment as I have asked you and your program to overcome many challenges. You have been asked to work under specific direction of our staff while reaching out to the inmates to encourage participation in programs, participation not always welcomed by inmates. From your contributions, we have noticed positive impacts on our overall program participation, continuing commitment to education and reentry, and a decrease in the overall number of incident reports across our institution.

You have demonstrated outstanding responsibility, support and diligence in keeping a positive relationship with both myself and the executive staff. As members of the Inmate Advisory Board, I know your role was difficult. Striking a balance is always challenging, however, in a penal environment that change is even more daunting. Your willingness to work through issues, problems and changes in missions is greatly appreciated. Each of you has impacted me in an extremely positive way and I wish the very best in all your endeavors and pursuits. You have modeled exceptional behavior which includes leadership, vision and a tremendous commitment to self-improvement. Please stay safe, be well and continue in the positive directions that you have always headed.

My sincere and personal thanks for your contributions to the inmate population at Otisville and the professional proactive approach in handling any issue at hand.

Sincerely,

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J. M. Killian  
Warden



# NoCane Inc

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April 20, 2010

Mr. Ronald L. Rodgers  
Office of the Pardon Attorney  
1425 New York Avenue  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

Let me begin by expressing my gratitude for the opportunity to address you in a matter of grave importance; I do so with humility, sincerity and respect. I am writing this letter on behalf of inmate Wayne Pray #3H3FFS21, who was sentenced to life without parole plus fifty years in 1988. He is presently serving time at the Federal Correctional Institute in Otisville, New York, and he has been incarcerated for over 22 years. He has already lost, the best of his middle age years, he has lost several of his own children to tragic deaths since his imprisonment, unable to even attend their funerals, he has not seen or touched most of his immediate family in two decades.

According to recent studies, the average life expectancy for a black male in America is 69.8 years, Mr. Pray is now 62, only G-d knows how much or how little time that he or any of us have left on this earth. Therefore I humbly implore your indulgence and ask that you grant clemency and relief to Wayne Pray so that he may have a chance to be a father to his children, an asset to his family and community in the remaining years of his life

I am making this plea for his release as a personal and family friend; my mother and his mother were childhood friends, and our families grew up in one of the most perilous cities in the country amidst the most tumultuous times in American history. Newark New Jersey, the city that we both were born and raised in is a case study for an urban city caught in a vice grip of corruption, crime, drugs and violence, I sit here writing alive and free only by the grace of G-d, my own mother was not as fortunate, after succumbing to the scourge and deadly epidemic of heroin addiction; she was eventually arrested and sentenced to 6 years to Life under the infamous Rockefeller Drug Law in New York city. I mention this too because this horrendous experience altered my entire life and the life of my family. Our nations drug czar, Gil Kerlikowske, has strongly recommended the need for sentencing reform; numerous university studies have agreed that disparity in sentencing is an unfair reality that reaps havoc on families and communities.

I believe in justice but I also believe in justice tempered with mercy, I also believe in my heart that men like Mr. Pray can not only be redeemed, but are uniquely suited to help our wayward youth find their redemption. He has demonstrated his ability and desire to become a force for change among our youth, his positive work among inmates inside the federal prison system is well documented, his interventions to prevent violence among inmates and to help maintain peace and security inside the institution has also been recognized by prison officials.

As a youth worker employed by the county of Essex at the largest Juvenile Detention Center in New Jersey, I have personally witnessed the powerful and positive impact that his message, *Akbar Pray Speaks to the Streets*, has had on young offenders housed in the center. This taped message was used in workshops among gang members at the detention center and became one of the most effective mentoring tools ever utilized.

Thus I humbly implore you to grant a commutation of sentence and give this individual another chance to become a productive member of society. I sincerely thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Hafiz Farid

PROJECT DRIVE INC.  
236 NORTH SIXTH STREET  
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07107  
Project\_drive@verizon.net

April 13, 2010

PO Box 1000  
F.C.I.  
Otisville, New York 10963

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in support of the prospective release of Mr. Wayne Pray from the Federal Prison System.

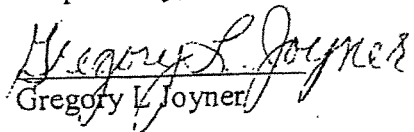
My name is Gregory L Joyner. I am the founder and CEO of Project Drive Inc., an Essex County, New Jersey based Youth Re-directional and Re-Entry Services Organization.

I am personally familiar with Mr. Pray and know him to be an upstanding pillar of both the Muslim and greater Newark communities.

We all make mistakes while navigating through life in an effort to find our place and calling, such is characteristic of human nature. The true test, worth and value of a man is measured in his ability to recognize and atone for his mistakes and misgivings. Mr. Pray is one of those rare individuals who possess the leadership qualities that will enable him to make an appreciable difference in his community for the better. I believe that were he to be given the chance, that he would have a profound impact on mitigating the inner-city blight that is prevalent and rampant in our communities.

In closing, I respectfully request that any and all favorable consideration be extended to Mr. Pray's efforts to be released so that he may be allowed to be re-integrated back into mainstream society. Thank you for the time and patience given to this request.

Respectfully,

  
Gregory L Joyner



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Ronald L. Rodgers, Pardon Attorney  
The Office of the Pardon Attorney  
1425 New York Avenue NW, Suite 11000  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

I am sending you this letter on behalf of Mr. Wayne Pray in consideration for Pardon. I have known Wayne for more than fifty years, as teenagers we were close friends. I have fond memories of our families and pictures of our first born children. Wayne has always had the intellect and personality to get along with people in business and socializing. I believe he would be a great asset to the community given the opportunity to share his experience and insight for people to turn their life around for the righteous benefit to themselves, family and community. I believe in atonement and redemption of the human being.

I believe he would be very valuable in the community efforts to provide guidance for young people and the challenges we have for re-entry programs and recidivism.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via my cellular phone 973-715-4483, e-mail [elige2000@aol.com](mailto:elige2000@aol.com) or website [www.DBilalBeasley.com](http://www.DBilalBeasley.com), if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

*D. Bilal Beasley*  
D. Bilal Beasley  
Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



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## Parent Advocacy and Service Academy

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RE: Mr. Wayne Pray

January 15, 2010

Ronald L. Rodgers, Pardon Attorney  
The Office of the Pardon Attorney  
1425 New York Avenue NW, Ste 11000  
Washington, DC. 20530

Dear Mr. Ronald L. Rodgers:

I consider it an honor to write this letter of support for Mr. Wayne Pray. His continued advocacy and grassroots effort to take a pro-active stand to help our inner-city youth, and communities under seize due to violence or urbanization to become more viable; and his intervention with youth and families of violence, both with their own set of unique challenges are most commendable. The fact that he wrote an outstanding speech for the lead facilitator in our workshop "How Do We Stop The War In Our Streets?" and involved the young people to be part of our peer outreach resolutions says so much about the effectiveness of what he is doing.

Working with our youth under critical circumstances in the changing traditional settings brings particular challenges. His voice, strength, and commitment are truly an inspiration to the future leaders of tomorrow. PASA, is very dedicated to the issue of adolescent violence prevention, "Stop The Violence", and would like to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to him for his assistance in carrying out that mission. Wayne Akbar Pray has been an enviable part of our organization.

Mr. Pray has been extremely instrument with his services without compensation to assist our youth under a program entitled Alternative Solutions Prevention's Foundation (AS&P's) which he is the founder. Under this project we have used an array of his articles and CD "Akbar Pray Speaks to the Streets" incorporated into lesson plans for our youth's Interdiction lesson plans. Most notably, we've used his article, "An Open Letter" as vital part of our Parent Adolescent Violence Prevention Seminars.

As the Executive Director of the Parent Advocacy and Service Academy, my members and I strive to further improve the quality of life for all people and generate a broad spectrum of activist, human and civil rights, community, religious, civic, student, labor, peace, media, and other grassroots groups.

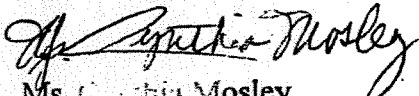


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Our success in this endeavor is predicated on the energy and commitment of people such as Mr. Pray, people who truly believe that the world can be changed for the better, one person at a time. We look forward to his continued collaboration and networking in order to improve the quality of life for everyone with an emphasis on juvenile violence prevention.

I sincerely hope that after his having served nearly 22 years for a non-violent offense, that your agency would find it within yourselves to return Mr. Pray back to society where his potential for social good may be fully realized.

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
Ms. Cynthia Mosley  
Executive Director

*"The earlier the intervention the better the outcome"*

Mr. Ronald A. Rogers  
Office of the Pardon Attorney  
1425 New York Avenue  
Washington D.C. 20530

Re: Wayne Pray  
Register Number: 27436-004  
FCI Otisville  
Federal Correctional Institute  
PO Box Box 1000  
Otisville, NY 10963

Dear Mr. Rogers,

Nearly 20 years ago, I embarked on a career of teaching as I considered, then, what type of work would compliment my passions. There was something I found interesting about working with young people –many unfortunate, but still showing promise if guided in the right direction. As I have evolved as a teacher, mentor, instructional leader, and now school administrator, I would be thoughtless to not consider the help I have had to help me define the work I do everyday as an educator.

A great deal of my work involved connecting students with people in our environment who can clearly speak to them about careers, their experiences, life, and education, to name very few. However, as these individuals build these impactful relationships with our students, I remain honored to have brought the two groups together. Today, I share these same sentiments regarding Mr. Wayne Pray who has been communicating with our students in Newark as part of our Social Justice program that has been well received by teachers and administrators, but most clearly endorsed by our students who have shown a great deal of astonishment when they get an opportunity to share thoughts with Mr. Pray via letters and audio messages.

As we assess the work we do as educators, we cautiously plan for our students by tossing out that which is ineffective. Consequently, we embrace the strategies and ideas that motivate our pupils and show even greater promise. The work that we have accomplished with Mr. Pray must be heightened, as he has done what many have not found the skills to do –give our student the motivation to continue against the enormous odds that plague our urban communities. The idea of having full access to such an asset is instrumental to the work of education and certainly deserves such a letter.

Mr. Wayne Pray deserves an opportunity to contribute to our community in ways that have only produced strong, eager, respectful, and humble students over the past few months. For this reason, I am writing to support the idea of having his sentence altered so that we can form the work groups necessary to change the trajectory of our urban communities. The works we have accomplish thus far remains incredible and extending our resources will only produce even greater results.

Sincerely,

  
Terrence Williams

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Wayne Conley. I am humbly submitting this correspondence to you as evidence of my supreme support of the commutation of Wayne "Akbar" Pray's life sentence in prison. There is no doubt in my mind, that if given the opportunity to re-enter society, Mr. Pray would epitomize all of the characteristics routinely associated with the term "model citizen." When one thinks of the criteria attributed to "model citizens," the following adjectives spring to mind: productive, thoughtful and selfless.

After spending more than two decades behind bars, I'm convinced that the energy that Mr. Pray would approach his new life with would be boundless and his productivity would be off the charts. Coupled with the fact that this energy would be directed in a positive direction, the benefits of his efforts could certainly prove to be a boon to his community. Mr. Pray's track record with regard to his productivity while incarcerated is admirable, to say the least. His efforts to mentor younger inmates and/or at-risk youths through his writing have been a passion of his. If allowed to continue these efforts outside of the confines of prison, the effectiveness of Mr. Pray's efforts would certainly have a greater impact and farther reach.

One need only read one of Mr. Pray's "open letters" to young, at-risk males to get a true appreciation of how deeply thoughtful he is. These pull-no-punches epistles serve as cautionary tale with regard to a life of crime. In a day and age where mass media seems to relish every opportunity it has to glorify crime (The Sopranos is a prime example), Mr. Pray's refreshing candor flies in the face of the reckless characterizations that America is presented with on a daily basis. If allowed to continue this work as a citizen of our society, I'm certain that Mr. Pray's ability to steer at-risk youths from lives of crime would not only be admirable, but more importantly, successful.

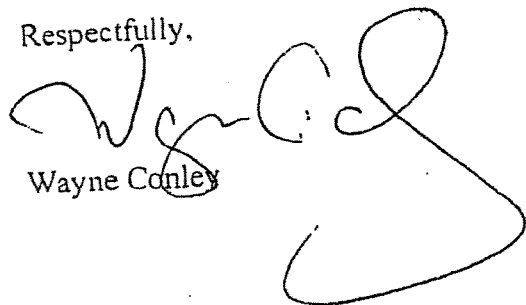
Having spent more than 2 decades behind bars, I don't think anyone could fault Mr. Pray if he were a bitter, selfish and spiteful individual. Yet, in a true testament to his character, Mr. Pray remains optimistic and selfless. As cliché as it may sound, life presented him with lemons. And he's made lemonade. Which he is more than willing to share in the form of words of wisdom and sagacious counsel. It doesn't require the imagination to stretch very far to envision Mr. Pray serving as some type of youth counselor in his community. In fact, it doesn't require the imagination to stretch at all. Mr. Pray is already doing it behind bars. However, his efforts could be better utilized on the other side of the prison bars.

In closing, I'll rattle off a few of my modest personal and professional accomplishments. I attended the University of Maryland at College Park, where I majored in English. I've been working as a writer in the entertainment industry for over a decade now, and have had my works produced for film and television.

One last thing, I'm Mr. Pray's son. But even he weren't my Dad, and I knew what I do about his efforts while incarcerated, I'd write this same exact letter in a heartbeat.

Thank you for your time, consideration and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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Wayne Conley



Educators in Support of Wayne Pray  
32 Fontaine Avenue  
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

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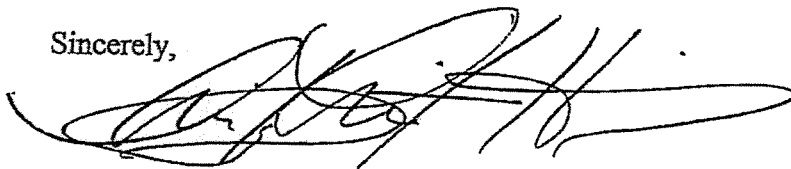
We, as educators, whose signatures are annexed hereto, consider it an honor to write this letter of support for Wayne Pray.

In our classrooms, we utilize Mr. Pray's writings, CD's and telephone Q and A as teaching tools and find them useful in engaging the students in meaningful dialogue. Mr. Pray's message resonates with our student population. His is one of a "cautionary tale" where he advises them to take heed when participating in, or contemplating participation in, illegal activities, but rather to take advantage of all viable options. He encourages them to immerse themselves in learning; to become critical thinkers; to be responsible and accountable to both their families and communities.

There is a noticeable difference in some of our most at-risk students who participate not only in discussions but written assignments as well. For many of them, Mr. Pray's message has been a life altering experience.

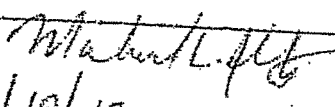
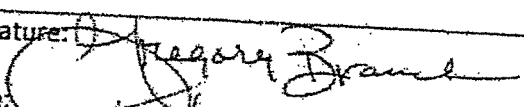
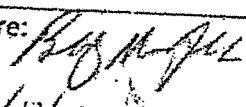
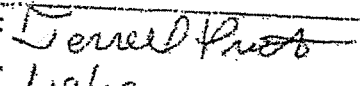
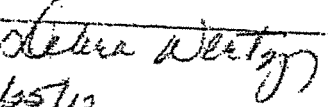
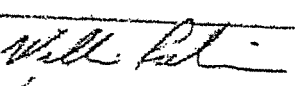

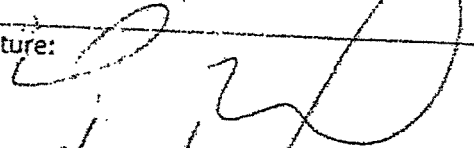
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Milagros Milan Harris  
Representing Educators in Support of Wayne Pray

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## Educators in Support of Wayne Akbar Pray

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Mr. Al Welch- Unit Manger  
FCI Otisville  
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P. O. Box 1000  
Otisville, NY 10963

Re:  
Wayne Pray  
Register Number : 27436-004

Dear Mr Welch,

My name is Milagros Milan Harris and I am a Social Studies teacher at Central High School in Newark, New Jersey... Wayne Pray's alma mater. I teach a class in our Social Justice Academy entitled Facing History and Ourselves. As the title implies, this class takes a critical approach to self-awareness and self-actualization by examining the issues and concerns of the students through the prism of history and social justice. There is also a component of the course that promotes agency, increases self-efficacy and community activism through the application of YPAR, the acronym for youth participatory action research. The YPAR process encourages students to delve into issues that affect their communities and take leadership roles in effecting positive change though research, development and implementation of action plans.

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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Milagros Milan Harris

Social Studies Teacher

Enclosed:

Wayne Akbar Pray Anthology

2 CDs of "Akbar Pray Speaks to Urban America"

1 DVD "Pray for Justice" ( it may also be accessed via Facebook-Millie Harris  
@boriquabella@verizon.net)

Student letters



EXHIBIT 2 C

## **CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT**

1. Adult Basic Education Completion, September 5, 1990
2. NAACP Educational Award, October 30, 1990
3. NAACP Legal Redress Committee Award, August 1993
4. Drug Education Program Award, April 1994
5. Parenting Group Certificate, July 5, 1995
6. The Four Ingredients, Certificate of Achievement, September 24, 1996
7. Drug Abuse Program Diploma, December 22, 1996
8. Self Esteem Group Participant Certificate, June 3, 1997
9. Cultural Diversity Certificate, March 25, 1998
10. Napoleon Hill's Keys to Success Certificate, September 21, 2000
11. Certificate of Completion, Leadership Training Academy, February 17, 2009
12. Nelson Mandela Award, February 25, 2009
13. Dispute Resolution Center, FCI Otisville Peer Mediation Training, July 20, 2009
14. Certificate of Completion, Core Performance Program, May 2010
15. Certificate of Achievement, P.I.A.T. Instructor, February 1, 2011

EXHIBIT 1

# Certificate of Award

*This Certifies that*

WAYNE PRAY

*has been awarded this certificate for*

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION COMPLETION

*Date* SEPTEMBER 5, 1990

*Henry Doeber*

*David Klein*



# Certificate of Award

*This Certifies that*

WAYNE PRAY

CHAIRMAN OF THE N.A.A.C.P. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*has been awarded this certificate for*

GUIDING OUR YOUTH TO CULTURAL EDUCATION AND POSITIVE LEADERSHIP

*Date* OCTOBER 30, 1990

  
Freddy Jackson-Bey  
President N.A.A.C.P. Lewisburg Chapter



# Certificate of Appreciation

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Presents this Certificate to

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for an invaluable contribution of time and interest to the MEMBERSHIP development of the Federal Redress Committee Branch and devotion to the cause of freedom and human dignity.



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Executive Director

*Dominick Williams*

Membership Chairman

*William R. Wright*

President

August, 1993

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Certificate of Achievement

Meisburg, Pennsylvania

This certifies that

WAYNE PRAY

has satisfactorily completed the course in

DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM

and is hereby awarded this certificate on this

25

day of

APRIL

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*Richard Whitmire*

RICHARD WHITMIRE, ACSW, BCD  
INSTRUCTOR

DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY

*William Corey*  
WILLIAM COREY, PH.D.  
SUPERVISOR

CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 27436-004



# Certificate of Completion

This is to certify that:

Pearl, Wayne Reg No. 27436-004

Has successfully completed the

Parenting Group

Requiring 8 hours of Training



In Witness Whereof the Undersigned

Given this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July nineteen hundred and 95

*F. J. Quinones*  
F. J. Quinones  
Correctional Counselor

*S. K. Katten*  
S. Katten, Ph.D.  
Chief Psychologist

# CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

*This certifies that*

*Wayne Pray*

*has successfully completed*

*The Four Ingredients*

*at The United States Federal Penitentiary-Atlanta*

*Maxguerre Hubbard*

*Maxguerre Hubbard*

*Diane Goodhart*

*Speakers\*Trainers\*Promoters*

*Date*

*9/24/96*



# Diploma

WAYNE PRAY AGRISTE PERDUE A

*Residential Comprehensive Drug Abuse Program Participant*

*Wayne Pray*

*has completed the requirements for graduation  
and is therefore entitled to this Diploma.*

*awarded this 22nd day of December, 1996*

*W. Scott*  
W. Scott, Warden

*Richardson*  
Richardson, Pay D. DAP Food

*Willie Braxwell*  
W. Braxwell, DAP Instructor



# *Certificate of Completion*

*Self-Esteem Group Participant*

*Wayne Pray*

*has satisfactorily completed 9 hours of  
Self-Esteem Skill Building Studies  
sponsored by the Drug Abuse  
Program at USP, Atlanta, Georgia.*

*Awarded this 3rd day of June, 1997*

*[Signature]*  
L. Richardson, Psy.D., DAP Coord.

*[Signature]*  
Stanette Pinnix-Hall, M.S.W., M.A. Intern



# Certificate of Completion

*Cultural Diversity Participant*

*Wayne Pray*

*has satisfactorily completed 12 course hours of  
studies in the area of Cultural Diversity.  
Sponsored by the Education Department  
at U.S.P., Atlanta, Georgia.*

*Awarded this 25th day of March, 1998*

*J. Van Over*  
J. Van Over, Supervisor of Education

*Ronald Stutter*  
Ron Streefer, Education Specialist



# F.C.I. EDGEFIELD, SOUTH CAROLINA

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENCE, that

**WAYNE PRAY**

has successfully completed group study in the following curriculum:

**Napoleon Hill's, "Keys to Success"**

and is hereby awarded this Certificate of Completion on this 21st day of September, 2000.

  
Counselor



  
Unit Manager




# Certificate of Completion

Presented To


*Alabar Gray*

This is to certify the above mentioned has Facilitated Phase I of Young Men Incorporated (Leadership Training Academy) at the Federal Correctional Facility Otisville, in Otisville, New York. He has successfully instructed Twenty-Five hours of intense learning according to the course curriculum. On behalf of the Community Economic Development and Young Men Incorporated, this certificate is proudly given with the highest regards on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009

## Leadership Training Academy (Phase-I)

  
Al Welch  
Unit Manager-Program Coordinator  
Community Economic Development



  
F. Lara  
Associate Warden - Programs  
Federal Bureau of Prisons

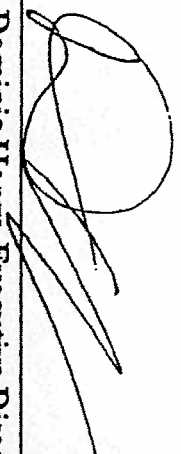
# Certificate of Recognition

Presented To


*Wayne Arthur Pryor*

*This is a life time achievement award from your peers. For your leadership, vision and your mediation skills which resulted in you being responsible for saving many of men lives in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. You have demonstrated year after year, your love for Humanity and Redemption. On behalf of Young Men Incorporated this award is giving on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.*

## Nelson Mandela Determination & Perseverance

  
Dominic Henry, Executive Director  
Community Economic Development



  
Al Welch, Program Coordinator  
Federal Bureau of Prisons



# DRC

DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

Certificate of Course Completion

**Otisville FCI Peer Mediation Training**

This certificate is awarded to

**Wayne Pray**

July 20, 2009

*Rosalyn Magdson*  
Rosalyn Magdson  
Executive Director, Lead Trainer

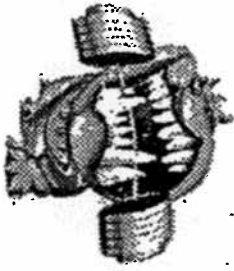
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# *Certificate of Achievement*

Awarded To:

*Mr. Jray*



## *Core Performance Program*

*01 May 10*  
Date: 01 May 2010

*E. Du Plessis*  
E. Du Plessis, Recreation Specialist

# *Certificate of Achievement*

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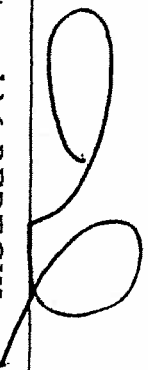
MR. PRAY

P.I.A.T INSTRUCTOR

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Date FEBRUARY 1, 2011

Signed M. REPECKI

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Repecki', written over a horizontal line.

*Qasim & Son Insurance Professionals*  
*536 William Street*  
*East Orange, New Jersey 07019*  
*(973) 395-4900*

*October 14, 2013*

*To Whom it May Concern;*

*This letter is to inform you that upon his release from federal prison, I promise to employ Mr. Wayne Pray for the position of Office Assistant/ Clerk.*

*At the starting rate of \$ 12.00 per hour for a work week of 40 hours.*

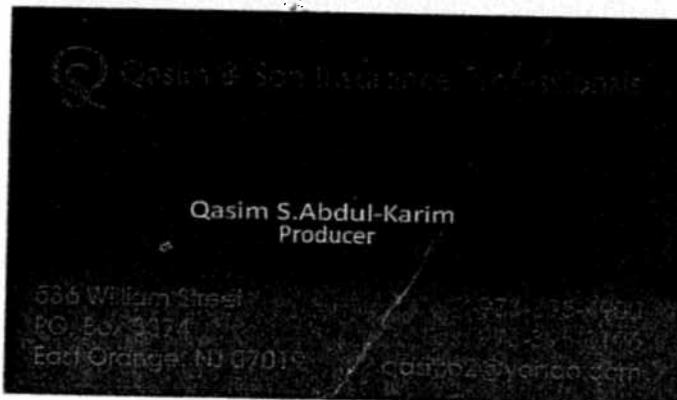
*If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.*

*Thanking you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter.*

*Sincerely,*



*Mr. Qasim S. Abdul-Karim*





Wayne Pray, 27436-004  
 Federal Correctional Institution  
 Otisville, P.O. Box 1000  
 Otisville, New York  
 10963



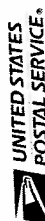
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